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Home of the
Nugget Walnut



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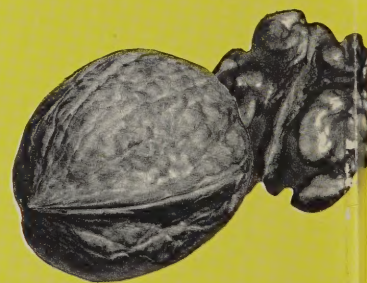


A good peach deserves to be appreciated

Back in 1954 we "re-introduced" the Sullivan #4 cling, and we're happy to report that this fine peach seems now to have won the favor it was so long denied. We've furnished thousands of trees to growers in Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Stanislaus, and other "peach-y" counties, and Sullivan #4 is living up to the claims we made for it. It follows Hal-

ford and replaces Phillips in the canning cycle. Yields lots of peaches, and big ones. Often needs little thinning. Grows fast and bears heavily, and if it has a weakness we've yet to hear of it. Ask us for the names of growers who have planted Sullivan #4. Available at regular prices, along with all standard varieties of cling and freestone peaches.

Life can be a "bowl of nuggets"



Of course I mean that superior new walnut we introduced back in 1955. That bowl I'm holding contains 103 perfect Nuggets taken from one tree just 30 months after budding. Commercial production records now confirm the claims we made for Nugget. In its sixth year it out-produces some "standard" varieties up to 10-to-1. Test plantings showed nearly a ton per acre from 30 x 30 plantings the sixth year. We've been trying to meet the demand for Nugget trees. This year we hope we've succeeded. If you've been disappointed, try us again, won't you? Minimum order 50 trees, 20% deposit with order. Early orders probably can be filled with Paradox root if desired. Nugget is exclusive with Sierra Gold. Drop me a note and let me send a special folder describing Nugget and our big, big Carmelo variety.

Walter Berg



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Pears

We have an unusually fine lot of Bartlett pears on French pear root. Book your order early if you want these pears.

Prunes & Apricots

We've budded a good stock of French prunes on Myrobalan, Myrobalan 29C and Marianna 2624. Apricots too, (on apricot, peach, and Marianna root). Some of the best we've ever offered.

Almonds

These are from our Mt. Pleasant growing grounds. Fine, sturdy trees with well-developed root systems. Supplies on almond root are somewhat limited this year. Good supply on peach root. Let us know as soon as you can.



Talk about June Buds!

We're indebted to Curtis Liebing, of Yuba City, for the photo at the left. Curtis is a modest man, but we wanted to brag about the June bud peach trees we sold him, so we borrowed the picture. Believe it or not, he's standing by a tree just seven months after planting in the orchard. Says we sold him 20 acres of trees like that. Talk about June buds!

Order Walnuts on Northern California black or Paradox root

Don't think we're interested only in peaches, or in our new walnuts. We have over 115 varieties of fruit and nut trees on 15 different rootstocks, and this year we have an unusually fine stock of walnut varieties on selected Northern California Black, and a better than usual supply on Paradox. Order Hartley . . . Nugget . . . Carmelo . . . Franquette . . . Mautner . . . Payne . . . Eureka . . . Waterloo. We know the "parentage" of every tree, and can promise that budwood comes from some of the state's best-producing orchards. Order early if you want Paradox root. And accept our thanks for making last year by far the biggest in our history.



Unbudded Paradox Hybrid Seedlings

If you want to bud 'em yourself, or do some inarching, just say the word. We have a good supply, and all of our Paradox are guaranteed to be first generation (F1). You'll find them in the price list on the back page. Not everybody can recognize Paradox (until it's several years too late) but we can.

COMMERCIAL PRICE LIST FOR TREES 1958-59

Family Orchard Trees, all varieties, \$1.50 per tree.

JUNE BUDS on Lovell Peach Root

YEARLINGS

ALMOND	on Peach	.50	.55	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85
	on Almond	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85	.90	.90
	on Marianna 2624	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85	.90	.95
APPLE & PEAR		.65	.70	.75	.80	.90	1.00	1.10
APRICOT on Apricot, Marianna & Peach		.50	.60	.70	.75	.85	.95	1.00
CHERRY on Mazzard & Mahaleb		.70	.75	.80	.95	1.05	1.15	1.25
PEACH & NECTARINE on Lovell Peach		.50	.55	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85
PLUM	on Myrobalan & Marianna	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85	.90	.95
	on Peach	.50	.55	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85
PRUNE on Myrobalan, Myrobalan 29c or on Marianna 2624		.50	.55	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85
SEEDLINGS	Lovell Peach		.20	.20	.25	.35	.40	.45
	Myrobalan, Myro 29c, Marianna 2624		.30	.35	.40	.45	.50	.60
	Cherry & Pear		.35	.40	.50	.60	.65	.70

SEEDLINGS

Size	Northern Calif. Black	Paradox Hybrid
Under 1'	—	\$1.00
1 - 2'	—	1.25
2 - 3'	.70	1.50
3 - 4'	.75	1.75
4 - 6'	.80	2.00
6 - 8'	.85	2.25
8 - 10'	.90	2.50

For any
Walnut variety
on Paradox
Hybrid add
\$1.25 per tree

		3-4'	4-6'	6-8'	8-10'	10-12'	12' & up
WALNUTS on Northern California Black, all varieties except Nugget & Carmelo.	1-9	2.75	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.25
	10-49	2.50	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00
	50 & up	2.25	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75
CARMELO on Northern California Black	1-9	4.50	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.75	6.00
	10-49	4.00	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
NUGGET* & CARMELO	50 & up	3.75	4.25	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.25

*Nugget available only in lots of 50 or more.

PLUM on Myrobalan, Marianna 2624 and Lovell peach root

Beauty	Late Tragedy
Becky Smith	Mariposa
Burmosa	Nubiana
Climax	President
Damson	Queene Anne
Duarte	Redroy
Eldorado	Santa Rosa
Elephant Heart	Satsuma
Green Gage	Sugar
Laroda	Tragedy
Late Duarte	Wickson
Late Santa Rosa	

APRICOT on Apricot, Peach and Marianna 2624 root

Blenheim	Tilton
Royal	

ALMOND on Almond, Peach and *Marianna 2624 root

Davey	*Ne Plus
Drake	*Nonpareil
I.X.L.	*Peerless
*Jordanolo	*Texas

PEARS on French pear root

Bartlett	Old Home
Beurre Hardy	

PRUNE on Myrobalan, Myrobalan 29c and Marianna 2624 root

French	Robe
Imperial	

PEACH—FREESTONE on Lovell Peach root

Babcock	Miller's Late
Bonita	Nectar
Early Crawford	Paradise
Elberta	Redhaven
Fay Elberta	Rio Oso Gem
Golden Jubilee	Rubidoux
Halehaven	Salway
Indian Free	Strawberry Free
Kim Elberta	Ventura

PEACH—CLINGSTONE on Lovell peach root. All available as June Buds

Andora	Paloro
Carolyn	Peak
Corona	Shasta
Cortez	Sims
Dixon 1	Starn
Fortuna	Stuart
Gaume	Sullivan #4
Halford	Vivian
Johnson	Wiser
Loadel	

NECTARINE on Lovell Peach root

Goldmine	Quetta
Gower	Stanwick
John Rivers	

CHERRY on Mazzard and Mahaleb

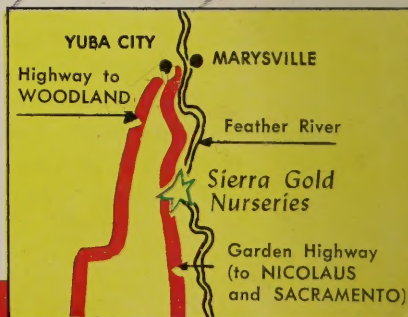
Bing	Lambert
Black Tartarian	Royal Ann
English Morello	Van
Early Richmond	Montmorency

APPLE on Apple root

Double Red	Winesap
Delicious	Winter Banana
Red Gravenstein	Yellow Delicious
Improved Red Rome	Yellow Newtown
Beauty	Pippin

WALNUT on Northern California Black and Paradox Hybrid root

Carmelo	Mautner
Eureka	Nugget inside
Franquette	Payne
Hartley	Waterloo



Nursery located 5 miles south of Yuba City on the Garden Highway



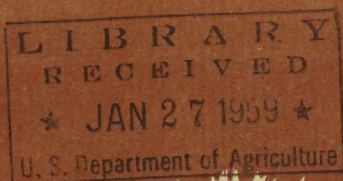
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Here's your 1958-59
catalogue and
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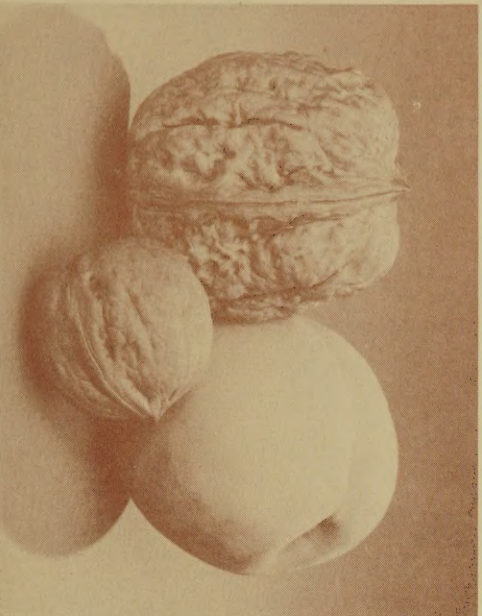
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THESE ARE THE WALNUTS THAT GROWERS ARE TALKING ABOUT



nugget

NUGGET is shown here in the twig and in cross-section. A vigorous tree, coming into commercial production the fifth year, and bearing more than a ton per acre in its sixth year (30 foot planting) with Diamond quality



CARMELO is outstanding for its size and beautiful large white meats. Wonderful for gift pack and specialty selling. Good commercial producer and fine home garden variety.

Nugget, previously referred to as our "Variety X", is a cross of leading walnut varieties, being Payne with a possible admixture of Hartley and Eureka. The nut has the oval shape of Eureka with a small flange characteristic of Payne, and presents a very pleasing appearance. The nut has run 99% large size orchard run and has been consistently of Diamond quality. It is well filled with a light-colored meat, and a shell-out of 43% meat. This compares with a shell-out of 33% for the Hartley and 48% for the Franquette. The percent shell-out will become increasingly important for growers as more and more walnuts are marketed in shelled form. The shell of Nugget is strong and well sealed.

HEAVY PRODUCER

The tree will produce nuts in the second year, but is considered to come into commercial bearing in the fifth year, and by test records it has produced 46 lbs. of dried nuts in the sixth year. The tree leafs out in the spring just ahead of Hartley, and from a week to two weeks after Payne. Its relatively late leafing date enables it to miss a good portion of the spring rains and frosts. Nugget has shown practically no blight or sunburn, even during the 1953 and 1954 seasons, when a good deal of blight and sunburn damaged standard varieties. The nut harvests in the fall again just ahead of Hartley, or 10 to 14 days after Payne.

VIGOROUS GROWER

The tree is a vigorous grower with a growth habit similar to the Hartley, being slightly larger than a Hartley of the same age. On Paradox Hybrid root it is considerably more thrifty and prolific. All in all the Nugget is an excellent commercial variety, being an improvement in almost every respect over any of our present standard varieties.

carmelo

Carmelo is outstanding because of its exceptionally large size, about twice the size of an average walnut. It is a well filled nut of good quality. The cross is Payne and possible Bijou, and characteristics of both varieties show in the Carmelo. The size and shape are of Bijou, while the early and prolific bearing are characteristic of Payne. The tree leafs out slightly later than Nugget, and harvests about the same time. It is a vigorous growing tree and has shown little blight and sunburn. Due to the extremely large size of the nut we recommend Carmelo as a novelty and home orchard variety. However, it can be grown very successfully as a commercial nut but would require special handling, particularly in hulling, due to its size.

The story behind Nugget and Carmelo

by Walter Berg

The Nugget and Carmelo walnuts were developed by Mr. C. E. Sullivan of Yuba City in an effort to produce varieties particularly suited to growing conditions of Central and Northern California. Starting with over 300 experimental crosses, during a period of ten years these were narrowed down to a mere handful, of which the Nugget and Carmelo proved to be outstanding. In co-operation with the Yuba City local of the California Walnut Growers Association, records were kept on all varieties during the experimental period. Included was data on parentage, blooming and harvest dates, production, percentage of meat, quality of meat, quality of shell, size, resistance to plant diseases, and other factors. A brief description of both varieties is given inside.

about your order

Tests are now complete, and we are taking orders for Nugget and Carmelo. Trees are on Northern California Black Walnut Root, with a limited number on Paradox Hybrid. In order to supply growers genuinely interested in establishing a commercial planting, the minimum order for Nugget will be 50 trees. Order Carmelo in any quantity. Budwood and scion wood are available for orchard budding and grafting.

U.S. Plant Patents #1475 (Nugget) and #1476 (Carmelo) have been granted, and sole propagating rights are assigned to Sierra Gold Nurseries. An agreement signifying compliance with Patent Law is required of buyers. Growers interested in Nugget and Carmelo are invited to write or call for our current price list and this agreement form.



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